

Course Syllabus: Spanish 1
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Course Description (*Descripción del curso*):

This course is designed to help students build the foundations they need to become proficient in Spanish language and culture. It is also designed to activate students' critical and global thinking skills. My goal is to help you develop your skills in all areas of language – reading, writing, listening, and speaking – as well as to expose you to a variety of Spanish-speaking cultures. Daily activities will include vocabulary review, conversation practice, writing exercises, listening to audio recordings, watching video clips in Spanish, and reading fictional and nonfictional texts in Spanish.

By incorporating language, culture, fine art, music, and dance, as well as food and family customs, we will explore the colorful variety of perspectives from the Spanish-speaking world. I expect students to complete all assignments and assessments on time, participate in all class discussions and activities, and make every attempt to progress in Spanish!

Unidades de estudio (*Units of Study*):

Unidad 1	Greetings, Introductions, and Farewells
Unidad 2	Numbers, Weather, Seasons, and Time
Unidad 3	Identification and Description
Unidad 4	Film
Unidad 5	School
Unidad 6	Family
Unidad 7	The Places in Which We Live
Unidad 8	Food
Unidad 9	Clothing and Shopping
Unidad 10	¡Festejemos! – Celebrations, Music, and Dance

Materials (*Materiales*):

- Spanish-English dictionary
- 3 Ring Binder (1-1 ½ inches)
- 5 Dividers
- 1 Folder (with 3 Ring Binder Holes)
- Notebook (with 3 Ring Binder Holes)
- Writing Utensils
- *Exprésate* Workbook, which you will purchase from me in class

****Failure to come prepared to class with all required materials will result in a deduction of Class Participation points. I expect you to be organized and responsible for your own materials.**

Grades (Notas):

You will earn your grade based upon the effort you put forth and the progress you make throughout the year. Grades will be weighed in the following way:

25% Class Work and Participation: The bulk of what you learn in Spanish 1 will take place in the classroom. It is so important that you pay attention and listen well, ask and answer questions, and participate in all class activities. Periodic binder/notebook checks will be factored into your class participation grade, as well as daily preparedness for class.

15% Homework: Homework is an important opportunity for you to practice your skills and use them outside of the classroom. Always put forth your best effort. Check the class calendar (at <http://rushartsespanol1.wikispaces.com>) for the assignments you missed. If you have questions, you must see me during my office hours. I will not address questions about missed homework assignments during class.

40% Tests and Quizzes: Tests and quizzes may come in any of the forms listed above – listening, speaking, reading and/or writing. There will typically be a test or quiz every 1-2 weeks.

20% Projects and Other Assessments: There will be several projects assigned throughout the year. Through projects, you will have the chance to demonstrate your Spanish skills in ways that written tests and quizzes can't express. I have very high expectations for student work!

❖ Late assignments:

- I adhere to our school-wide late work policy. This means that points are deducted from a homework or class work assignment when it is handed in late:
 - If an assignment is **one day late**, I will deduct **25%** of the points you earned on for assignment.
 - If an assignment is **two days late**, I will deduct **50%** of the points you earned for that assignment.
 - If an assignment is **three days late**, I will deduct **75%** of the points you earned for that assignment.
 - On the fourth day, no points will be awarded for the assignment.
- If you are absent from class on the day of a quiz or test, you will have **one week** to make it up. **It is your responsibility to schedule a time to make up quizzes and tests!**
- If you are absent on a day when homework, class work or a project is assigned, you will have one extra day to turn it in without a point deduction. If you are absent for two or more days, you will have that many days extra to turn it in without a point deduction.

EXTRA HELP: I will be available for extra help in Room 247 on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 3:00-3:45 PM. **You must make an appointment with me first so that I know when to expect you!**

Classroom Rules (*Las reglas de la clase*):

I want our classroom to be a comfortable environment for all of us. My expectations are high for not only your academic work but for your conduct as well. Our classroom culture will be based on the following set of rules, to be discussed in class:

- **Trae todos los materiales necesarios todos los días.**
Bring all of your materials every day.
- **Escucha cuando alguien está hablando.**
Listen when someone is speaking.
- **Siempre respeta a los demás.**
Always respect others.
- **Levanta la mano si quieres levantarte o hablar.**
Raise your hand if you want to get up or speak.
- **¡Habla español!**
Speak Spanish!

I have read through the course syllabus. I'm aware of Srta. Siering's grading policy, classroom rules, and student expectations.

Parent's/Caregiver's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Student's Signature: _____ **Class Period:** _____